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Sir:

In response to the subject Office Action dated 14 September 2005, please accept the following Remarks and Conclusions. In consideration of the arguments presented, reconsideration of this application and allowance of all of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**REMARKS****Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102**

Claims 1-5, 8, 10-13, 16, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wells et al. (U.S. Patent 3,161,575). The inventors acknowledge that the principal differences between the copper pyrophosphate bath of Wells and that of the present invention are the intended use of the bath and the concentration of the 2,5-dimercapto-1,3,4-thiadiazole (DMTD) organic additive. Wells does not specify a use for the plating bath, and specifies (Claims 1 and 2) a general concentration range of 0.5 ppm (which corresponds to 4  $\mu\text{M}$ ) to saturation for a list of five organic additives. The list includes DMTD but no specific